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RUSSIA CONFIRMS PRIGOZHIN'S DEATH IN JET CRASH AFTER GENETIC TESTING

The Wagner chief was on a jet that crashed near Moscow on Wednesday, weeks after he led a short-lived rebellion against Russian leadership

IDENTITIES OF ALL 10 VICTIMS ESTABLISHED

Russia's Investigative Committee said on Sunday that forensic and genetic testing identified all 10 bodies recovered at the site, which correspond to the names on the passenger list of the plane. Dmitry Utkin, a shadowy figure who managed Wagner's operations and allegedly served in Russian military intelligence, was also among the passengers of the crashed Embraer jet

RUSSIA SAYS DRONES STRUCK BORDER AREAS

Prigozhin mounted a day-long mutiny against the Russian military in June, leading his mercenaries from Ukraine toward Moscow, presenting the biggest challenge to Russian President Vladimir Putin's grip on power
Meanwhile, fighting between Russia and Ukraine continued to rage on Sunday, with Russia saying its border regions were again hit by drones

62-year-old

PRIGOZHIN LED SOME OF RUSSIA'S BLOODIEST BATTLES IN UKRAINE

Chinese villages coming up along sensitive areas

Beijing's focus is on settlements on eastern sector of LAC, say sources

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

IN a bid to press its claims over the un-demarcated borders with India, China is busy setting up 'border settlement villages' in many sensitive areas of the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Multiple sources confirmed to this newspaper that the focus of these settlements (Xiaokang in Chinese) has been the Eastern Sector.

While the number of such settlements is estimated at 630 villages in the Tibetan Autonomous Region, the focus has been towards Tawang (30 villages) and Tulong La (25).

From a strategic perspective, Tawang is seen as the entry point to Arunachal Pradesh and the Northeast. Also, it has religious significance as far as the Tibetans are concerned. Tulong La holds significance as in 1975, the Chinese had ambushed 4 Assam Rifles troops.

Such settlements have also been spotted in the sensitive area of Chumar (8 villages).

According to sources, construction is also taking place

opposite West Bhutan and North Bhutan. This activity gained pace after the 19th Party Congress in October 2017, which was "intended to create a buffer and a means of surveillance and territorial claim", said sources.

Legal status

According to China's Land Border Law of 2022, these villages have legal basis. The law stipulates that while the PLA and police will maintain border security, the citizens are duty-bound to protect and defend border infra

However, officials warn against treating these settlements as villages, as China will use it while pressing their claim over the areas. "We should call these Chinese border settlements in the un-demarcated areas, and not Chinese villages," said an official, adding: "If we call them Chi-

nese villages now, after 10 years they will say even Indian media term these settlements Chinese villages."

China's 2022 Land Border Law calls for resettling the population and upgrading critical infrastructure along the border. These villages fill the gap between civil and military infrastructure. "Connectivity has improved... they have oil pipeline, optical fibre, and helicopter," say sources, adding that Chinese people have been forced to live there.

During a field trip to Kibithu, East of Arunachal Pradesh, this reporter witnessed one such settlement called Tatu Camp. It had two separate sections constructed. Half of it is a village area and the other half is a military block having an administrative building, helipad, and a small firing range on the backside of the building.

India has also begun constructing villages closer to the borders but we are a late starter, said sources.



SPEAR-HEAD: HISTORIC GOLD

Neeraj Chopra throws during the men's javelin final at the World Championships on Sunday | AP

NEERAJ NAILS IT

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won a historic gold, India's first, at the World Championships in Budapest on Sunday. In hot and humid conditions, Chopra did not have a good first throw but came back to throw 88.17m in the second. Kishore Jena, who almost missed the worlds due to visa issue was 5th (84.77m) and DP Manu finished 6th (84.34m). Arshad Nadeem (87.82m) was second while Jakub Vadlech (86.67m) 3rd.

Modi calls for framework on crypto, ethical AI use

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday called for a global framework on cryptocurrency and ethical use of Artificial Intelligence. Speaking at the B20 Summit in Delhi, the PM also said India is preparing a framework for Green Credit for businesses to encourage planet-positive actions.

"Today the world is showing a lot of excitement regarding AI. But amidst the excitement there are also some ethical considerations," Modi said, adding

such considerations must be addressed through a global framework.

The prime minister called on businesses to adopt a planet-positive approach. "India is preparing a framework of green credit for businesses, which emphasizes planet-positive actions," Modi said.

The PM also urged businesses to take a consumer-centric approach and said a profitable market can only be sustained when there is a balance between the interests of the producers and those of the consumers.

Pro-Khalistan graffiti in Delhi ahead of G20 meet

UJWAL JALALI @ New Delhi

Pro-Khalistan graffiti was found on the walls of at least five Delhi Metro stations on Sunday, days before the start of the G20 summit in the city.

According to officials, graffiti was found on the walls of Shivaji Park, Maadipur, Paschim Vihar, Nangloi and Maharaja Surajmal Stadium stations. The wall of a government school in the city was also found to be defaced.

A senior Delhi Police official told this newspaper that an FIR

was registered under Sections 153 (wantonly giving provocation, with intent to cause riot), 153A (promoting enmity between different groups) and 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) of the Indian Penal Code.

Meanwhile, Gurpatwant Singh Pannu, the leader of the banned 'Sikh For Justice (SFJ)' group released a video message claiming responsibility. "India, the battle of G20 at Pragati Maidan has started today. The slogans have been put up at all Delhi Metro stations," he said.

Seven killed in firecracker blast in Bengal

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolkata

AT least seven persons were killed and five others received severe injuries in a massive explosion at an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit in Duttapur, North 24 Parganas, 30 km from Kolkata, on Sunday morning. The impact of the explosion was such that dismembered bodies of the victims were blown up and landed on the roofs and courtyards of the neighbours.

The roof of the house, where the manufacturing unit was set up, was completely blown away. The houses adjoining to the unit were also damaged.

The personnel of the bomb disposal squad and explosive experts from the forensic department rushed to the spot to take stock of the situation and ascertain whether the illegal unit was being used to manufacture crude bombs as well.

According to police, Keramat Ali, one of the victims of the explosion, was arrested one year ago after Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee instructed police to act against illegal fireworks manufacturing unit.

"Keramat was running a similar illegal unit at a place one km from Sunday's explosion site. He was arrested and was granted bail recently and his involved in this blast surfaced again," said a police officer.

No room for row over naming landing point Shiv Shakti: Isro chief

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Thiruvananthapuram

ISRO chairman S Somanath on Sunday said there is no room for controversy over naming the landing spot of Chandrayaan-3 on the moon as 'Shiv Shakti Point'. He said there have been precedents of names being assigned to lunar features.

Interacting with media persons during his visit to Pournami-kavu-Bhadrakali Temple in Thiruvananthapuram, Somanath said India has already assigned a few names to lunar regions and it's a tradition being followed by the countries carrying out lunar expeditions.

"It's not the first time a name has been given. We have the Sarabhai crater on the moon. Each country can give names of their choice. Naming is a tradition. There is no controversy over it," he said.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that the point where Vikram Lander touched down on the moon will be called 'Shiv Shakti'. The naming triggered heated debates on whether giving a religious colour to the successful expedition was in good taste. The debate got amplified when senior Congress leader Raashid Alvi commented that Modi has no authority to name a lunar feature.

On the mission, Somanath said the pictures sent from Chandrayaan-3 lack clarity since the shadows on the lunar south pole are darker owing to lack of atmosphere and sunlight. He said landing a mission on the south pole is always a challenge owing to the irregular terrain and lack of sunlight. "But, chances of finding minerals and water are high in that region," Somanath told reporters.

1st set of thermal data released

ISRO on Sunday released the first set of data on the Moon's thermophysical properties showing the temperature variation on lunar surface with increase in depth. The data has been obtained from ChaSTE (Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment) payload | P4

Man kills daughter for spending time on phone

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Kolar

Enraged over her not listening to him and being glued to the cellphone for long hours, a man killed his daughter in Thotli village under Kolar Rural police limits on August 24. He later buried her body in his farmland with the help of his brother. The incident came to light on Sunday.

Superintendent of Police M Narayan said the deceased has been identified as Ramya (19). She had discontinued her studies and was working at a private factory in the industrial hub of Kolar.

During the investigation, it was revealed that Ramya never used to listen to her father Venkatesh Gowda,

an auto driver, and was always busy on her cellphone. Gowda had reportedly warned her several times and the two used to get into arguments over it.

She had not gone to work for one week and on the night of August 24 (Thursday), the duo quarrelled again. In a fit of rage, Gowda hit her and she died.

Gowda, with the help of his brother Mohan and another accused Chowde Gowda buried Ramya's body at his farmland on Friday morning. The police arrested Venkatesh on Sunday morning. The body was exhumed and an autopsy was conducted.

The SP said Mohan and Chowde Gowda too were arrested and the cellphone used by Ramya was seized.

3,000 free wi-fi spots to come up in city soon, says Priyank

Bengaluru: Tech capital Bengaluru is all set to get over 3,000 free wi-fi zones in the next few days. IT-BT Minister Priyank Kharge, who held a discussion with Dy CM DK Shivakumar in this regard on Sunday, said his department will discuss the project with broadband providers and telecom companies | P4



5 HOUSES TORCHED IN MANIPUR

Unidentified men torched five abandoned houses at New Checkon, a Kuki-majority area, in Manipur's Imphal on Sunday. A tense situation prevailed with forces firing tear gas to disperse a crowd in the area | P10

PM praises B'luru's history buff in Mann Ki Baat

AKNISREE KARTHIK @ Bengaluru

A feature on retired Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTCL) bus driver and history buff K Dhanapal on TNSE's Bright Side column caught the attention of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In the 104th episode of Mann Ki Baat, a popular radio programme hosted by Modi, he spoke about Dhanapal and appreciated his efforts in knowing and conserving history around.

Elated Dhanapal said the TNSE feature, published on August 6 with the headline - 'Storyteller of Stones', caught

the attention of many and he never imagined in his wildest dreams that it would reach the PM and that he would get praised for his efforts.

"Though we travel to each and every corner of the world, we remain unaware of many places and things in our city or state. Many a time people do not know the historical places in their own city. Something similar happened with BMTCL bus driver Dhanapal, seventeen years ago while working in its sightseeing wing, now popularly called 'Bengaluru Darshini'. While taking tourists to different tourist places in Bengaluru, one tourist



questioned Dhanapal as to why a tank is called 'Sankey Tank'. He felt bad as he didn't know the answer. Hence, he decided to focus on enhancing his own knowledge," Modi said in the Mann Ki Baat episode broadcast on Sun-

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BK Dhanapal, former BMTCL driver

day. "In his passion for knowledge about heritage, he found many stones and inscriptions. He was so engrossed in this work that he got a diploma in epigraphy. Although he has retired from BMTCL, his passion to explore the history of Bengaluru is still alive," Modi said.

"I was literally on the moon listening to the episode where the PM was talking about my work. It is such appreciation and recognition that act as a motivating factor to explore more into history around us," said Dhanapal, who has dedicated his full time now to explore history around Bengaluru.

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